

**Patent claims**

1. A device for preparing hot beverages having a  
5 water container (14) which is arranged on a first base  
plate (11), can be removed from the base plate and has  
a first heating device (37) for heating the water  
contained in the water container, having a filter unit  
10 (22) which receives ground coffee or tea leaves, having  
means (25, 35) for transferring water originating from  
the water container (14) into the filter unit (22), the  
means (25, 35) for transferring the water having a  
second heating device (36) for heating the water to be  
transferred, and having a receiving vessel (21)  
15 arranged downstream of the filter unit (22),  
**characterized**

in that the water container (14) can optionally be  
positioned in a first position, in which the water  
container (14) is used as a reservoir container for the  
20 water to be transferred into the filter unit (22), or  
in a second position, in which the water container (14)  
is used as a kettle.

2. The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized  
25 in that in the first position the water container (14)  
is offset at an angle in relation to the second  
position.

3. The device as claimed in claim 2, characterized  
30 in that in the second position the water container (14)  
is turned substantially through 90° with respect to the  
first position.

4. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3,  
35 characterized in that in the bottom region (16) the  
water container (14) has an outlet opening (28) which  
can be closed by a self-closing valve device (30).

5. The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized  
in that the means (25, 35) for transferring the water  
issue into an inlet nozzle (25) which is arranged on  
the upper side (19) of the first base plate (11) and  
5 opens the valve device (30) when the water container  
(14) is arranged in the first position.
6. The device as claimed in claim 5, characterized  
in that the means (25, 35) for transferring the water  
10 comprise a nonreturn valve (38) which is connected  
downstream of the inlet nozzle (35).
7. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5,  
characterized in that the first base plate (12)  
15 comprises electrical supply means (39) which are in  
electrical contact with the first heating device (37)  
by means of detachable contact-making means (17) in the  
second position of the water container (14).
- 20 8. The device as claimed in claim 7, characterized  
in that the detachable contact-making means (17)  
comprise a 360° connector which is arranged on the  
upper side of the first base plate (11) and interacts  
with the complementary socket which is arranged on the  
25 lower side of the water container.
9. The device as claimed in either of claims 7 and  
8, characterized in that the electrical contact is  
interrupted in the first position of the water  
30 container (14).
10. The device as claimed in one of claims 2-8 and  
claim 9, characterized in that the upper side (19) of  
the first base plate (11) and the lower side (16) of  
35 the water container (14) are profiled such that the  
electrical contact is interrupted when the water  
container (14) is turned from the second position into  
the first position.

11. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that a second base plate (12) is provided for the receiving container (21).

5 12. The device as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the first and second base plates (11, 12) are connected to one another to form a common base (13).

10 13. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the water container (14) is arranged above the filter unit (22).

14. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 13,  
15 characterized in that the filter unit (22) is fixed to a profiled pipe (23) which runs vertically.

15. The device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that a further electrically operated  
20 cordless kitchen appliance may be arranged on the base plate (11) if the water container (14) is removed.

16. The device as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the further kitchen appliance is  
25 a cordless toaster or a cordless egg boiler.